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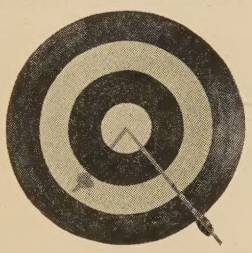
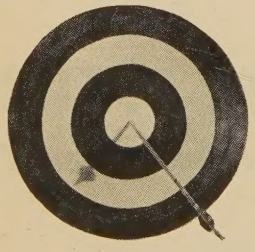


Only a little time remains before the close of our present fiscal year. First and foremost among our objectives is the completion of our Unified Budget. As of February 15, receipts were running around 13% ahead of those for the same period last year. But there remained about $680,000 to be raised before April 30—a task which challenges our most determined efforts.

On the same date, the World Emergency Fund had passed the $600,000 mark, with money still coming in. But let's not rest on our laurels. Emergency situations are more pressing this year than ever and we must not fail the stricken people who depend on us for aid.



Less than half of the $250,000 Church Extension Reserve Fund had been raised by February 15. Special gifts to the Fund in the form of money, war stamps, and war bonds will be necessary to insure the success of this undertaking so vital to the future of Northern Baptists.

Let's make it another Victory Year for our denomination! Seven thousand Northern Baptist churches, working together, should be able to accomplish great things if every member will do his part.

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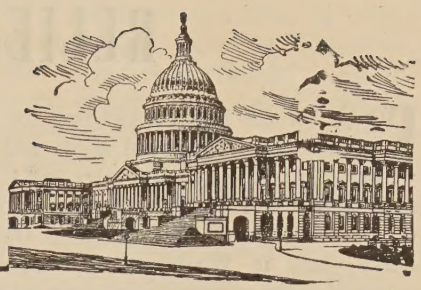

For the Duration

THIS issue of The United States Baptist will be the last one for the duration of the war. I have accepted an appointment as Chaplain and will be on active duty when you receive this final copy. While I realize the disappointment that will result at first on your part I feel that you will applaud my action. The men in the service need spiritual leadership. They are to be the ones who will guide this nation when the war is over. It is imperative that Baptist ministers take their place with the soldiers and sailors for the duration. I have a deep conviction that every qualified man should become a Chaplain. For four years I have tried to give you a magazine worthy of the Baptist tradition. I believe that I have served the denomination in a way that has built up a confidence that will be here when I return—and that confidence will manifest itself again when The United States Baptist again finds its place in the life of Baptists. All unexpired subscriptions will be credited and resumed with the first issue after the war. In this I know I will have your understanding and cooperation. There are many things I could say. You understand, therefore, it is not necessary to say them. May God bless you—and may our great Baptist movement be strengthened because of the service Baptist ministers are rendering as Chaplains.

Mike Elliott

Remain Standing for America!

THE congregation will remain standing for "America." This announcement in one of our recent church bulletins, calling on the members of the audience to remain standing during the singing of this patriotic hymn, might well be applied in a broader sense to all of us.

"Remain standing for America!" That is a request which should appeal to every citizen of the United States. It calls for constancy, for something permanent; not only that we stand for America today or tomorrow, but that we "remain standing" all the time, every day throughout the year and the years for the ideals and the principles, for the freedom, the liberty of conscience and the eternal rights of truth and justice which are represented in the word—America.

Let us remain standing for America in the remaining days of the war in which we are now engaged with the other freedom-loving nations of the world—and let us help to make America worth standing for in the days of peace which are to follow the war. We want to see a peace so acceptable, so firmly based on deep, true Christian principles that we will all be only too glad, be proud to "remain standing for America."

A Department of Religion

DUE to increased correspondence on matters of religion the National Broadcasting Company has set up a Department of Religion. The surprising thing is that the National Broadcasting Company did not act sooner in setting up this new department. Every man is religious and this instinctive characteristic should have been considered when national broadcasting was in its infancy. The people do not want mediocre religious programs. They want great music of the Church, moving religious drama, and challenging addresses and sermons. If the new Department of Religion will help to eliminate the disgraceful programs now broadcast over many stations in the name of religion it will be approved by the majority of the people. Member stations of the National Broadcasting Company should be brought to task for giving, or selling time to religious broadcasts that are a disgrace. Radio must clean house and give to the people broadcasts that exalt the name of God, and bring satisfaction to the deepest longings of the human heart. May God bless with great success the Department of Religion of the National Broadcasting Company, and its honored director.

Dr. Albert W. Beaven

THE death of Dr. Albert W. Beaven, president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, leaves a gap in Baptist ranks that will be hard to fill. For years Dr. Beaven was to the forefront in all affairs concerning Baptists of the world. He represented the liberal and progressive element and in that field of thought he gained distinction. But Dr. Beaven did not confine his activities to his own denomination. World enterprises of the Christian faith called upon him for leadership. Dr. Beaven found his most effective field in Colgate-Rochester and there he manifested brilliant leadership. Thousands of pastors, and leaders in denominational affairs, came under his charming personality and brilliant mind. Colgate-Rochester will always feel the influence of this great Christian character. *The United States Baptist* had in Dr. Beaven a sympathetic and loyal friend. The love and sympathy of the Christian world is extended to the family, and the Divinity School in the death of a mighty crusader. Dr. George B. Cutten, retired president of Colgate University, will serve as interim president until June 30th. Who will be named as the permanent president? This is a question of concern to the almuni and friends of the institution. Colgate-Rochester is a great Divinity School. The board of trustees have an opportunity to keep it great. The voice of the alumni must be considered. Selection of the new president is not the job of one, two, or three men. It is the job of the board of trustees and the success or failure of the institution in the future will rest upon their decision—or lack of decision.

RELIEF FOR THE SUFFERING

FOOD for the hungry, clothing for the naked, medicine for sick, and other vital needs will be furnished by the Baptists of the United States and Canada to the limit of their ability. This decision was reached at a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, held in Washington on February 10th. Every member of the committee was present with the exception of Dr. George W. Truett who was sick.

Baptists received the commendation of the world after the last war because of their efficient relief work. In view of the changed situation throughout the world now confronting those who desire to relieve suffering humanity, the committee was not sure as to its procedure. It was brought out however that those directing the post-war relief program would welcome assistance from agencies outside of the government set-up. In fact Governor Lehman indicated to Dr. W. O. Lewis, in an interview, that his organization would depend upon the denominational groups to arouse the interest of the people when the time comes for the appeal for funds.

Following the last war the sum of $50,000,000.00 was expended by Evangelical groups for relief work. This amount was small considering the needs that will arise following the present conflict. Baptists will function primarily in assisting their own people, but it was clearly stated that Baptist relief work would not be confined entirely to Baptists—humanity will be helped regardless of religious affiliation or location.

Distribution of relief funds will not be confined to Baptist organiations. Every approved agency will be used in meeting the problem. If it is possible to assemble the Executive Committee of the Alliance this summer definite plans will be worked out. If the Executive Committee cannot be assembled the Administrative Committee will meet again and formulate the plans. It is hoped that President J. H. Rushbrooke can come to the United States in June. If he can secure the necessary permission the Executive Committee will meet. The Constitution of the Alliance requires the presence of representatives from two hemispheres before it can legally assemble. In any event the plan will be completed by the end of the summer months. Mission Boards of all Baptist groups will cooperate and function through the World Alliance in the raising and distribution of the funds.

The meeting of the Administrative Committee, first since the Atlanta Congress, was serious and constructive. Canadian, Northern, Southern and National Baptists, faced the grave problem of the duty of Baptists when the war ends. Representatives present voiced the sentiment of 11,000,000 Baptists who are ready to respond in unprecedented giving when the call is issued.

Calvary Baptist Church was packed for the rally held in the evening. The people were stirred by the information given by Dr. J. M. Nabrit, Dr. Everett C. Gill, Sr., Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Dr. Clifton D. Grey, Dr. Louis D. Newton, Dr. Bingham and the General Secretary, Dr. W. O. Lewis. No meeting in Washington has created such favorable response as did this one. It was a symbol of the response of Baptists everywhere—Baptists who will give beyond their means to meet the call of relief around the world.

Problems For The Post-war Reconstruction Commission

PEOPLE who live under a Democracy want to feel that they are sharing in the responsibility of that Democracy.

It is important that this fact be faced by members of the Post-war Reconstruction Commission of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Some denominational-wide method should be devised to discover the opinions of the people.

It should also be said that Democracy functions best under irritation.

Suggestions and criticism may irritate, but this is the democratic way. The best results will be obtained through irritation.

Only those who consider themselves infallible resist irritation.

It is clear by this time that the key word in the title of the Commission is "Reconstruction."

Reconstruction is not to be confined to relief work and assistance to needy church situations at home and abroad. If so the true meaning of the key word will be lost. The people will expect reconstruction wherever reconstruction is needed. This will mean radical changes in some areas. The "status quo" group will oppose. It will take courage to reconstruct and make more effective the world program of Northern Baptists.

It is taken for granted that the Commission cannot tackle and solve all of the problems that need to be solved immediately Immediate issues must be considered first, but the Commission must not fail to consider all issues. It is folly to assume that continued shelving will kill the demand for radical reconstruction in many areas.

Heretofore charges have been made that such procedures have been encouraged by "pressure" groups. This is the old "fall-back" of the status quo individual. A phrase is coined to arouse antagonism and leave the impression that those who advocate changes are attempting to put over their own pet plans. The Commission will have to face this. The time will be wasted unless there is a frank and objective approach.

Already there is expression that the Commission may include too much in its program. It will consider too much only when it goes beyond every problem that needs consideration. If a million dollars is to be sought the Commission must tell the people in clear language where the money is to be spent. Will all of it be spent for the usual popular projects, or will some of it be spent on recon-

struction for the future effectiveness of the Northern Baptist Convention. The Commission cannot escape the obligation that has been thrust upon it. Self-interest must be left outside the counsel chambers. The clamor of those who attempt to kill every move for progress must be ignored. Realism, and realism alone, will bring success to the conclusions of the honored men and women who compose the Commission.

It is hoped furthermore that the results of this Commission's work will be so impressive in character, will be considered such a valuable contribution to world thought on the subject of post-war problems, that they will be felt far beyond the shores of the United States—and that both here and abroad they will make their impact felt on the work and conclusions of the international peace conference which will draft the peace terms.

The Commission will have before it many questions. In addition to those in which our denomination is interested particularly, as these questions affect the future post-war plans and activities of our denomination, both at home and in foreign fields, there are other problems to which it should give study and consideration, and on which it should express its views.

These questions include, in a broad sense, those relating to world relief and the part which we should take in furthering this essential humanitarian effort. Of greatest importance also is an opinion as to what constitutes a just and durable peace and how it can best be brought about.

Questions of an economic, political or social character will come before the Commission, including those of migration and how to handle this problem; women in industry; and similar problems.

A "Just Peace" Most Important To "Lasting Peace"

No more important problem probably will come before the Post-War Reconstruction Commission than the attempt to decide what constitutes a "just peace"—and how the impact of our denomination can be brought to bear to make this just peace a reality. Much has been heard as to the necessity, if future wars are to be prevented, of arriving at the conclusion of the present war at a just and lasting peace. But the question is, what are the essentials of such a peace: on what foundations must it be based; and what are some of the concrete measures which must be adopted to make it sure and lasting. And what steps should we take, in a practical way, to bring such a peace to the world. Any peace which is to be just and lasting must be based on true Christian principles. These are the only foundations for it. It must have incorporated within its compass the broad principles of the golden rule. It must protect the just rights and the freedom of all men. It must grant to the weakest as well as to the strongest, to the poorest and the most illiterate persons in the world as well as to the wealthy and the most highly educated, the rights and the freedom of life to which they are entitled. One of the most helpful and useful things which the Commission could do would be to prepare a statement, or declaration of principles on which they believe a just and durable peace can be established throughout the world. This declaration of principles should be submitted for approval of the General Council of the Convention, and then for such wider approval as might be secured. After such approval it should be transmitted to officials who will have an active part in the preparation and drafting of the peace terms to be adopted after the conclusion of the war. This declaration of principles might follow the line of similar documents prepared and presented by other Christian bodies in the United States and elsewhere. But if its most important provisions were along the same general lines as those contained in some of the other proposals, they would have a greater influence in the final determination of the peace terms.

World Relief Needs After War Will Be Greatest Ever

World relief, whatever its form, is one of the most important problems which will have to be considered in connection with any post-war program. After the end of the present frightful holocaust, with a loss in lives and in property exceeding anything the world has ever seen before in its long history, there will be the greatest need for extending relief to many people in many lands. The losses will have been illimitable: and the task of repairing them will be one of extreme difficulty and complexity. It will require herculean labors to get the world back into anything like the shape it was before the outbreak of the conflict. It will require years to complete the relief work which will be necessary. But the more careful the preparation for this tremendous task, the greater the amount of careful thought which has been given to it, the more helpful will be the relief; the sooner will its influence begin to be felt throughout the war-wrecked nations; and the wider will be the spread of this influence and this humanitarian work throughout the various nations of the world as a whole. This work must be planned on a broad and long-distance range, with all of the organization which can be arranged in advance, even in a tentative and skeleton form, and with everything in readiness for a full swing effort into a definite program of activity as soon as possible after the guns of war have ceased to bark. Study of the comparative needs of various countries should be made in advance by carefully-selected committees, each familiar with the particular problems and demands of different peoples. This study, or series of studies, will permit comparison of the urgency of needs; and will show what amount of help will be required in various areas of the world, and for how long this help will have to be continued. Ample provision should be made for the financing of this extensive work. The more promptly relief is given, the more generous the distribution in the first days following the close of the war when demands will be greatest, the greater the benefit which will flow back to us in the way of human soul returns; and the greater will be the extent of the benefit to the actual recipients of this help.

Religion and Public Education

Another important matter which the Commission will have to consider, and on which its views will have a wide influence, will be that of religion in its relation to public education. Religion should make its influence felt in all forms of public education. It should see to it that public education is of a character which will tend to the strength-

ening of character along the right lines and to the building up of a strong Christian citizenship—and nation. For if the students of America and of the world have Christian principles instilled into them in their schools and other institutions of learning, they will turn out to be true Christian citizens. The church should see to it that no objectionable and irreligious teachings are incorporated—stealthily or otherwise—into the curriculum and the textbooks and teachings of our public schools and other educational institutions. We should make as strong an effort as possible to make the colleges and the universities of the United States "Christian." This should be true in particular of all our Baptist controlled schools and colleges. They should be truly Christian in their basis and their teachings. All the students who enter the portals of those schools should come under the influence of Christian teachings and belief. This will be of great force in helping to send out into the world men and women prepared to take their part in the upbuilding and the carrying forward of a genuinely Christian nation. The war will have changed to a considerable extent the foundations and the systems of work on which some of our colleges have been conducted. It will be difficult for many of them to get back—at least, promptly—into the lines which they were following before the war came down upon them and forced vital changes. Whatever the new system which they will follow, however, it is most important that there be no letting down in the high Christian character of these institutions; but that, if anything, they be strengthened in this particular.

Rehabilitation of American Home Essential To National Welfare

Perhaps no problem with which the Commission will deal will have a broader significance and implication than that of the rehabilitation of the American home. The basis of true Americanism is the home—and if the home is right the nation will be right. What is lived, what is taught, what is believed and respected in the home, forms the web and the woof of all that the nation stands for—all that true Americanism stands for. It cannot be too strongly, or too often emphasized that home life is the real foundation of the life, the principles, the lasting quality of the nation as a whole. The nation whose homes reflect truth and honesty and justice will be a land in which those qualities will be incorporated in the laws and ingrained in all the treaty provisions and other enunciations and activities both of a national and an international character in which that nation is a part. Without millions of homes throughout the nation in which the high and noble principles of Christianity are taught and reign, in which they form a part of the daily lives of the members of those households, there cannot be a nation which will accept and live up to those principles. It is essential, therefore, to the continuance of our nation as one in which the fundamental doctrines on which our Christianity rests, that our homes throughout America remain truly Christian homes. Emphasis must be placed on the vital importance of rebuilding the altars of Christian truth and belief on which our nation was founded and on which it has gone forward for the past century and a half. Whatever can be done in this direction will be of permanent good. The war has been a factor in scattering many homes: it has separated families; and in many cases home ties have been broken. It is not believed that this has happened to the extent that it did in the last war; nevertheless it will be an influence tending to the further disruption of the American home. Many other factors already had been at work in weakening the home ties and in breaking up the home life of America. Restoration of normal home life, including the return of those who have been forced to leave home as a result of the war, should be encouraged to the highest degree possible. Every effort to reestablish as many as possible of our American homes as promptly as possible after the conclusion of the war will be a step in the direction of a better and a stronger America. Whatever we, as Americans, can do also in helping the people of other lands and nations also to build up and strengthen their home life will be of genuine and permanent benefit to them.

Thus the Commission is confronted with what seems at first glance an almost impossible task. Serious reflection and realistic approaches will reveal however that the task is not impossible and that all necessary reconstruction can be brought about in due time. The task is a challenge. Reconstruction will save the denomination from disintegration—a serious threat at the present time. Disintegration is in process because of compromise and appeasement in some instances. The rank and file of Northern Baptists have confidence in most of their leaders. This confidence will be strengthened if and when issues are faced objectively and action taken, "let the chips fall where they may." These are days when men must stand on their feet and be counted. The people expect it and the people have their way in the long run.

Reconstruct or disintegrate. Which will it be?

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Meeting of Southern Baptist Convention Deferred

By WALTER M. GILMORE

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention met in Nashville, Tennessee, February 24, at the call of its president, Dr. Charles W. Daniel, El Dorado, Arkansas, voted not to hold the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, May 12-14, as scheduled, in view of the present emergency caused by the war.

It is understood that all the officers, boards, and committees of the Convention will hold over till the next session of the Convention. The Secretary of the Convention will publish and distribute as soon as practicable all the reports of the agencies for the past year and any other vital or necessary items.

The Sunday School Board was authorized to proceed with its summer program at Ridgecrest according to its own best judgment. The question of housing facilities is not a problem there.

The Secretaries Speak

Here are suggestions from state and city secretaries, and their reaction on the work facing the "Post-War Reconstruction Commission." Letters received at the time of going to press represent every section of the Northern Baptist Convention.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Creed W. Gawthrop

It is difficult to condense into two hundred and fifty words any adequate analysis of the plans and principles which should enter into a Northern Baptist reconstruction program. Northern Baptists must not limit their contribution in that critical period to the sending of a boatload or many boatloads of food and clothing for a few persons who may be in great need. We must render such a ministry, but that will not be enough. "These things ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone." Northern Baptists should determine to stand with other Christian groups and with real statesmanship endeavor to mobilize public sentiment to make a peace which will compensate in some degree for the staggering sacrifices now being made by the peoples of the world. Hitler, Tojo, and Mussolini are made possible only by underlying evils which must be brought to the bar of judgment in the light of the way of Life as revealed by the lowly Nazarene. Racial inequalities, economic injustices, exploitation of the weaker racial units and a score of other causes of war must be challenged. Otherwise it would be better for many now living to die than to go on living even in the most favored nations with the certainty of another holocaust only a few years hence. The Commission on Post War Reconstruction recently appointed by the President of the Northern Baptist Convention has rare opportunity to give our constituency a sense of direction in that period following the close of the present war. That Commission must be undergirded by the prayers of all of our churches that they may have both the courage and the wisdom to give the needed leadership.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

C. Raymond Chappell

Northern Baptists are wrestling with today's pressing problems; they are not only rising to the challenge of today's world but also are looking ahead realistically to the making of tomorrow's world. The Church Extension Reserve Fund is one indication of this long range strategy. The appointing of a Commission on Postwar Planning is another and striking evidence of the awareness on the part of Northern Baptists to the opportunities and obligations which the postwar world will present. This is one of the most important committees ever named by a President of the Northern Baptist Convention. We shall expect much of the Commission; that it will take its task most seriously, that it will show a statesmanlike spirit, that it will have a broad vision and at the same time will offer a practical program. We will recognize that the responsibility for reconstructing the world according to the mind of Christ is ours. The Commission can render a notable service to the denomination, but only as every Baptist church, and Baptist pastor, and Baptist layman and woman contributes of time, money, prayer and self can the Kingdom of God come in power in the world of tomorrow.

CHICAGO

A. M. McDonald

In my opinion the commission recently appointed by the Northern Baptist Convention should strike out boldly and divesting themselves of such opinions and prejudices as they may have, they should look at the situation objectively. The question of more effective cooperation with other denominations should be canvassed. The feasibility of streamlining our organization so as to bridge in the thinking of our people the gap between home and foreign missions should receive careful attention. Will we be more effective by multiplying the fields in which we work, or will our time, money and energy be best spent concentrating our efforts upon a few of the most promising of these fields? Some way must be found of expressing our sympathy for our brethren in Europe and their leaders. A special effort should be made immediately after the war to help these brave people lay new and more adequate foundations for their church work in the next decade or two.

PITTSBURGH

Lester W. Bumpus

The Post-War Reconstruction Commission has some major problems on the home front. We must improve our performance at home if we expect the world to accept us as witnesses of the way of life. The sanctity and security of the home must be re-established in the post-war world. The unprecedented migration within our country, the rapidly expanding employment of women in industry, in addition to the usual stresses which war places upon the home make this a basic task. We must re-examine, clarify, and publicize the relationship of the church and state. The vast extension of the influence and activity of the government require this. Are all the functions exercised by the government to be retained? If so, how and in whose behalf are they to be exercised following the war? The relationship of religion and public education also require the re-examination of the relationship between the church and state. The splendid address by Dr. F. Ernest Johnson at the joint meeting of interchurch organizations in Cleveland on December 9, 1942, effectively establishes that there must be much more relationship between religion and public education than has obtained in the past. The effects of the war upon our Christian colleges make this task of post-war reconstruction all the more urgent. The Commission must recognize the need for Protestant cooperation with all other Christian groups in the post-war world. The end of the war will release devising and disruptive forces now restrained by the necessity of victory. If men of good-will in our country and abroad are to build a new world conceived in justice and abounding in righteousness, they must work together.

PENNSYLVANIA

R. B. Deer

Baptists purpose to see that the Kingdom of God is made as much of a realty as possible in the period following the war. The creation of the Post-War Reconstruction Commission, recently appointed by the president of the Northern Baptist Convention, constitutes one of the most far-seeing and significant moves on the part of our denomination. We all shall live in a new world, a greatly enlarged world, and yet a world brought much more closely together. Baptists have a sense of their mission for extending the Kingdom of God unto the ends of the earth. The Post-War Reconstruction Commission should see to it that every corner of the earth is surveyed and the possibilities for service taken into account. To the Commission has been undoubtedly committed the responsibility of evaluating not only the work we now are doing, but also the possibilities for

advance in the fields in which we now are working. Pray God we shall see our own homeland in a new light and shall understand our responsibilities to the "World that is crowded into North America." Here too will be an opportunity for the Commission to set something of a pattern by which individual Christians and individual Christian churches at home and abroad will more effectively serve their Lord and Master until the nations of the world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

MAINE

J. S. Pendleton

I am convinced that it is not too early for us to consider the matter of post-war reconstruction. While there are many factors that are uncertain and others that can not be anticipated, we do face some inevitables. There will be untold suffering and need, crime, destitution and disease will be prevalent. The Hitlers of tanks, submarines and flying bombers may be subdued but the Hitlers who would exploit their fellows in industry by commercialized vice or political chicanery will be more active than ever. With a large portion of the strongest and best of our young manhood destroyed or incapacitated and yet others impoverished; with the conflicting ideologies struggling against each other in a world that is sadly confused as to its purpose and direction there will be need of a strong and sacrificial church to give material assistance and to speak in no uncertain tone. The one great need I see just now is that the appeal for $1,000,000 this year shall be made compelling. If our committee can fix upon some few specific needs that will touch the hearts of the people and fire them as did the Emergency Fund then we shall succeed. If only a general appeal is made to our generosity or the lazy way is taken of using the extra funds that may be given for the unified budget in these days when money is freer then I fear for the results.

SAN FRANCISCO

W. Earle Smith

The post-war era will be a time of severe testing for all the world. Surely the church of Christ should gird itself to face that day with courage and faith. The only hope and assurance that can be depended upon to bear men up and save them from falling into the slough of despair will be the constraining love and grace of our Heavenly Father.

The appointing of a post-war commission was a wise move on the part of the denomination. The choice of appointment has shown good judgment. Let us gird them with our prayers.

COLORADO

W. A. Phillips

I wish to commend you and your paper for your interest in the work of Post-War Reconstruction. I agree that the Committee on Post-War Reconstruction appointed by the President of the Northern Baptist Convention is, or should be, the most important one in the decade. We cannot place too much stress upon the work of this Committee. The meeting in Chicago in December on this subject, was one of our best and most important meetings. If Baptists are to maintain their proper position of supremacy in the future, we must now plan a program of Christian uplift for the post-war period. It is my earnest prayer that Baptists may unite in such a forward-looing and constructive program. More power to you.

KANSAS

George W. Wise

It is a splendid procedure to have a committee (Post-War Reconstruction) who shall study with care and diligence our present situation so that they may anticipate what plans we should adopt for Kingdom advancement after the war is over. Tomorrow's strategy is determined by today's vigilance.

WISCONSIN

Ezra G. Roth

The appointment of the Post-War Reconstruction Commission by President Robbins is timely. Jesus urged his disciples to learn from "the children of this world." He pointed out that "The children of this world look further ahead in dealing with their own generation than the children of Light." (Moffatt) It is well known that industrial interests are now busy making definite plans for the days following the war. To delay planning until immediate action is required would not be good business. Certainly, the same principle holds with reference to the work of the church. If this Commission is to render the greatest possible service, it will need ever to keep in mind that the basis of the present world crisis is primarily moral and spiritual. If the problems growing out of moral and spiritual issues are to be met effectively, there must be definite planning accordingly. We must not allow the pressure of physical and material demands to crowd out the necessary attention to moral and spiritual needs. Distinctly missionary and evangelistic work should have large consideration in our post-war planning. Careful attention will need to be given to integrating our post-war reconstruction work into the continuously ongoing missionary program of our denomination.

IOWA

Frank Anderson

Dear brother Elliott:

Frankly I do not know enough about the committee on reconstruction which was appointed by Dr. Robbins, President of the Northern Baptist Convention for me to express my opinion upon it. There are so many commissions in existence today that one is inclined to feel that while we should make preparation no one really knows what is going to happen after the war ends. In all by public addresses I do not venture upon any suggestions except to bear down upon the fact that any Peace or Reconstruction must be based upon the principles of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

SOUTH DAKOTA

John L. Barton

The problem is so stupendous that the more one studies it, the greater it becomes. I have a ten point program which might at least be suggestive to the Commission.

1. Is the time not here when we should cease talking Home and Foreign Missions and talk Missions? Since women have entered every realm of life alongside of men, should we not *now* drop Women's Missionary Societies and organize one great Baptist Missionary Society?
2. Is it not time for the removal of our denominational headquarters to some central location? This would obviate eastern people only serving on many boards and committees to save travel.
3. Is it not time to do away with an annual Convention and organize three District Conventions, meeting annually, with a General Convention every four years?
4. Should not a study of salaries be made, with a view to having some uniformity in salary for the same type of work wherever it be performed and under every circumstance?
5. Plan financially for undergirding Baptist Schools and Seminaries and devise some plan for denominational control.
6. Plan to make the entire denomination democratic by election of *all* boards and committees by the Convention.
7. Outline a program which will have a life span of more than one year. This would contemplate the whole world as a missionary sphere.

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Communal Living In Japanese Relocation Center

by Tsutomu Fukuyama

More than ever we, the younger generation, are realizing that the ultimate test of life is the living of it from day to day and the realization of the creative possibilities in life. Unless we learn that lesson, there is little for us out of life's storehouse of values. Our times call for adjustability on the part of everyone. I cannot but feel that life here can yield the richest of dividends in creative living.

Here we have an experiment in communal living, progressive education, and religious co-operation which has challenging possibilities. All class barriers which existed among the Japanese before have been completely obliterated. For the first time, the necessity of co-operation has been realized by a community which is forced to live in the closest of interrelationships. This extends into the realm of religion, and we are enjoying the creative challenge of working across denominational lines which had hitherto kept us apart. And we have gotten rid of the old antagonisms between Christians and Buddhists. I have a hope that the faiths represented on the project—Catholic, Protestant, and Buddhist—can come together to draw up a statement of faith to which all can subscribe. If this is realized, our school system will be able to teach those things we agree on. It would be a revolutionary turn in our too secularized educational system.

Often it has been expressed that the evacuation movement has been one of the dark tragedies of American history. It has been one of the dark tragedies of American history. It need not be. I can see other results if this had not taken place. There could not have been the challenge and incentive to creativity otherwise. And our present concentration on relocation projects are no worse than some of the provincial concentration in little Tokyos on the Pacific Coast. With Tennyson, I believe—

Oh yet we trust that somehow good
Will be the final goal of ill,
To pangs of nature, sins of will,
Defects of doubt, and taints of blood;
That nothing walks with aimless feet;
That not one life shall be destroyed,
Or cast as rubbish to the void,
When God hath made the pile complete;

Behold, we know not anything:
I can but trust that good shall fall
At last—far off—at last, to all,
And every winter change to spring.

The original policy of the W.R.A. was to develop semi-permanent colonies out of the various centers. Now they have changed their plans to that of dispersing 110,000 Japanese, both aliens and citizens, throughout the United States. I feel, however, that the W.R.A. policy of dispersion although commendable in its high ideals is inadequate to deal with the problem. A certain percentage will be relocated, but a larger number will remain. The older folk are reluctant to make a new start in life after losing everything they had, and the children and younger people are still incapable of going out. We must be realistic, and if we can imagine that assimilation can take place in four or five years or even in a generation we are mistaken. This assumption has no basis in history. The original plans of colonization should be revived with the goal of an ideal democratic community organized around the co-operative economy as the central foundation. From such a community should trickle out those who are actually prepared to enter into American life and who can share in the complex reconstruction period to come.

We are indeed gratified by the fine response to our Federated Church program. Through a united effort we have been able to reach a considerable number of indifferent churchgoers and non-Christians. Although there are a few institutional-minded people on the project who cannot forget their minor differences, the primary emphasis of our Church has been that of meeting the needs of people rather than the propagation of any institution or set of threadworn ideas. An educator on the project has said that the Church and the School are the two most important institutions which can break or make our future. It is our hope that from the portals of the Federated Church a stream of worthy Christian leaders will flow to replace those being relocated from the project, and also to enter the stream of American life.

The Christian forces have a most important role to play in the ten relocation centers. It seems that the real friends during the time of our trial have been revealed in the Christian Church and its related agencies. Secular organizations, and particularly super-patriotic groups which claim to be proponents of true "Americanism" have remained aloof from the problem and in some cases have hindered the welfare of our people. The Christian bond of ecumenical fellowship is being demonstrated as a Gibraltar of reality today. Our prayer is that it may grow in the still perplexing days to come.

Long Terms of Service

Rev. S. A. Livingston, Monroe, Ohio, has served as pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of that city for 55 years. The town has a population of 300 and the church a membership of 185 . . . . Dr. John S. Wilder has served the Calvary Temple, Savannah, Georgia, since 1907 . . . . Dr. John F. Fraser, retires as pastor of the University church, Baltimore, closing 40 years in the ministry . . . . Dr. B. P. Richardson has just celebrated his 20th anniversary with the Queen Anne Baptist church of Seattle. . . .

And Mr. J. V. McCall, Hay, Washington, has been honored for his service of 50 years a moderator of associations and 50 years as a deacon . . . . Rev. Henry A. Coolidge, has just celebrated his 50th anniversary as a minister and honored for his 19 years as pastor of the Congregational church, Westford, Connecticut, and 17 years as pastor of the Baptist church of that city . . . . *The Lutheran Standard,* Columbus, Ohio, has celebrated its 100th anniversary. Dr. Edward W. Schramm is editor and the paper has 38,000 subscribers. . . .

And Rev. F. Carl Truex is beginning his 18th year with the First church, Stockton, California . . . . Rev. David F. Bone, has celebrated his 100th anniversary and his 70th as a Methodist minister by preaching in St. Paul's Methodist church, Denver, Colorado . . . . Dr. Henry Evertson Cobb, honored for 50 years service with the Collegiate reformed Protestant Dutch Church of New York City . . . . Dr. T. D. Ellis, for 21 years executive secretary of the board of church extension of the Southern Methodist church has retired . . . . Rev. Carl A. Metz has begun his 15th year with the First church, Lebanon, Indiana . . . . Dr. Horace W. Cole has closed a ten year pastorate with the First church, Alhambra, California . . . . Dr. W. A. Elliott celebrated the 36th anniversary as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Ottawa, Kansas.

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Discontent is a secret boasting of some excellency in ourselves, as if God did not govern well, or we could govern better.
Charnock.

Let us live for God here and now, since it is for Him we must live in Eternity.
Bossnet.

Dr. Wei Tao-Ming Pleads For World Cooperation

An address delivered February 12th at the opening of United Nations Month.

It is especially fitting that we begin the opening ceremony of United Nations Month by commemorating the birth of a great American. For, like him, we are today fighting to make men free.

In this stupendous struggle, Lincoln is our example and our guide. His perseverance is our inspiration. He worked for the common people, and he kept his faith with them. If one man could accomplish so much within a short life suddenly ended, the combined forces of democracy, united and strong, can surely do much more.

The Great emancipator once declared that a nation cannot exist half-slave, half-free. Neither can we afford to see half of humanity remain shackled in chains. The United Nations as we stand today constitute the greatest combination of peoples in history, dedicated to a common purpose and fighting for the attainment of a common ideal. In my opinion, this combination of Nations exists not merely for the purpose of prosecuting the war. Its task is not confined to the winning of a total victory. It should have for its ultimate purpose the building of a better world in which all peoples, great and small, will live in equality and in full enjoyment of their freedoms.

As I see it, the world order that came into being after the last world war crumbled to pieces, because the peace-loving nations ceased to cooperate and work together as soon as the war was over. As a result of the isolation and self-seeking ways of individual nations, the spark of war spread from one country to another until the conflagration has now reached global dimensions. Therefore, when victory comes after the present war, we must continue to hold together, steadfast and unwavering, in order to win the peace. We must build our future world by maintaining the spirit of cooperation and unity which prevails among us in time of war, if the new world order is to be placed on a firm and lasting basis capable of withstanding any attempt by evil men to destroy it.

We stand on the threshold of a new day, but the road to victory and to the ultimate peace is still long and arduous. As we begin to strike back at the enemy with coordinated power, we must fill our hearts with the spirit of the United Nations. In the words of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, "unless real world cooperation replaces both isolationism and imperialism of whatever form in the new interdependent world of free nations, there will be no lasting security for you or for us."

America's Slave-born Scientist

R. N. DUTTON

In less than one week, the world lost through death three of the most distinguished scientists our age has produced—Dr. George Crile, of surgical fame; Nikola Tesla, inventor of the famed Tesla coil and holder of some seven hundred patents in Washington; and a Negro. These three—and, strangely enough, the greatest of these was the Negro, Dr. George Washington Carver, born in Missouri, stolen and carried away into slavery as a baby, sold for a broken-down race horse valued at $300. Two years ago, he turned down a salary of $100,000 a year as research director for the Edison laboratories, and his more than three hundred synthetic products from the lowly peanut have made it a $60,000,000-a-year commodity. He has been the author of more than fifty learned books and pamphlets, a member of the Royal Society of London and recipient of the Spingarn Medal for outstanding service to his race.

Columnist George Sokolsky, who happens to belong to another racial minority, has paid him this remarkable tribute: "In all the madness of our era, in all the turmoil and misery and hate, George Washington Carver worked, a placid soul, enriching the whole of mankind every moment he breathed upon this earth. Never was he embittered. Never did he hate. Never did he shake his fist at man or God. It was not meekness; it was saintliness. It was not dumbness; it was only such humility as those who are blessed by God can know. He worked among his own people and taught them that their future lay in gaining respect by accomplishment. He knew no race prejudice, for who can despise the good and just man that takes the coarsest soil and turns it into hope and cheer and opportunity?"

Dr. Carver was the soul of gentleness and humility to all who knew him. Typical of his attitude with regard to his many amazing achievements, such as making cheeses, candy, instant "coffee," pickles, oils, shaving lotions, dyes, face powder, axle grease and ink from the peanut, is the following statement: "God didn't charge for His work in making peanuts grow; so I won't charge for mine." He always held that his discoveries were really revelations which came as the result of a working partnership between the Creator and himself. "When I get an inspiration," he explained, "I go into the laboratory and God tells me what to do."

One of the interesting side-lights in his experience came as the result of an invitation to speak before the United States Senate in Washington. While he was getting off the train, the porter happened to remark that a distinguished scientist was to appear before the Senate that day, but he apparently didn't recall the name. As Dr. Carver reached the Senate door, the sergeant-at-arms demanded, "Well, old fellow, what do you want?" When he started to speak, they announced that he would have just ten minutes in the course of the busy day's schedule. Before the end of the period, that august body voted unanimously to extend the time, and the former slave boy held all present spellbound for an hour and a half.

When the history of these times is written, George Washington Carver may well be recorded as one of the greatest scientists of our era and perhaps the most outstanding member of the Colored race who ever lived. Let all who seek true brotherhood and happier relations among the races use every influence to secure the early passage of the bill now before Congress for the creation of the birthplace of the great Negro scientist as a national memorial.

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HE WAS ARRESTED

The experience of a Norwegian farmer who kept four German children alive after the first World War but who was arrested by Nazi authorities in this war for giving similar aid to his own countrymen, was reported recently in a Swedish newspaper.

The farmer was arrested, the paper states, for contributing to a fund to aid Norwegian families who had been arrested.

When taken into custody, the farmer said he didn't know that helping distressed people was a punishable crime. Then he added:

"Twenty years ago, I had four undernourished German children in my home. They stayed three years with me. I gave them clothes, paid their school expenses, and treated them as my own children. They cried when they left us.

"The only difference is that I wasn't arrested then for my helpfulness."

NEWS DIGEST . . . By William Park

As a part of the project launched by the USO, more than 500,000 pamphlets entitled, "A Spiritual Almanac for Servicemen," containing patriotic, informative and devotional material, have been ordered for distribution to Protestant members of the overseas armed forces by the Salvation Army and the Army and Navy Department of the YMCA National Council.

Dr. George A. Buttrick of Madison Avenue Presbyterian church, New York City, was the speaker at the annual dinner of the Detroit Council of Churches, using as his subject, "The Church." Rev. T. T. Brumbaugh is the executive secretary. During the past year the council has employed an emergency chaplain, Rev. Ellsworth L. Smith, and instituted a Sunday morning radio service.

Dr. Fred W. Palmer, formerly state secretary for Colorado Baptists, has closed his work as interim pastor of the First church, Columbus, Ohio, and accepted a similar position with the First church, Sacramento, California. Dr. R. L. Bailey closed his work at Sacramento and began his pastorate with the First Church, Columbus, thus exchanging pulpits with Dr. Palmer.

One-half of Arizona Baptists have pledged themselves to spend one-half hour daily in Bible meditation and prayer. Last year the missionary budget was increased by 71 percent.

Sixteen denominations in more than 1,000 communities will join in conducting united Every Member Enlistments this winter and spring. Dr. Earl F. Adams of the Northern Convention is chairman of the denominational planning committee, while Charles E. Wilson, vice-chairman of the WPB, is chairman of the Sponsors' Committee.

An evangelistic crusade conducted among the churches of Michigan and Detroit Methodist conferences, resulted in more than 11,000 new members. Bishop Raymond J. Wade of Detroit was chairman of the crusade's executive committee.

Permanent quarters for the "Illinois Baptist Historical Collection" has been provided at headquarters in Chicago and a campaign for enlarging the "Collection" has been started.

The United China Relief committee raised more than seven million dollars in 1942. Mr. Bernard M. Baruch contributed $100,000.

Many of the churches of Rhode Island will engage in a Visitation Evangelism Crusade this month, led by Dr. Walter E. Woodbury, director of Evangelism for Northern Baptists.

The Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, has announced that Rev. Henry C. Rogers, for 7 years secretary of the B.T.U. of Tennessee Baptists has been appointed director of the Southern Baptist Intermediate B.T.U.

The editor was at one time a member of the Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. This church has sent in 1,027 subscriptions to *The Baptist Messenger,* Oklahoma City.

The first issue of "The Link", official monthly of the Service Men's Christian League, has been received. It is a 68-page, digest-size monthly, and will be distributed free among chaplains and service men. This issue is filled with very fine material and should prove helpful. Clarence W. Hall, magazine editor of the Christian Advocate is its editor.

The First Baptist church of Minneapolis, Minnesota, has called Dr. Robert L. Moyer, as pastor to succeed Dr. W. B. Riley who had been pastor of that great church for 45 years. Dr. Moyer has been a teacher and later Dean of Men in the Northwestern Seminary and Bible Training School since 1920.

The Home Mission Society of Northern Baptists has appointed Dr. Mark F. Sanborn, lately pastor of the First church, Battle Creek, Michigan, as area director of work among service men in the eastern and mid-western states.

Dr. John F. Herget, past president of William Jewell College, reports that "69% of the members of the General Council of Northern Baptists and 81% of the members of the Council on Finance and Promotion were trained in Baptist schools."

Rev. L. W. Martin, for 8 years a mountain missionary, has been appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, as Director of Church Schools of Missions.

The Church of God in Christ, Inc., held its 35th annual convocation in Memphis, Tennessee. Several thousand delegates were present for the three-week session.

The campaign of the American Bible Society in Rochester, New York, lasting four weeks, has resulted in a widespread and highly organized Bible Crusade, with Gilbert J. C. McCurdy, chairman.

During the week of February 21st Minneapolis, Minnesota, was host to the Swedish state pastors' conference, the state Council of Churches convocation and the state Fundamentalists pastors' conference. On February 25th the Baptist state secretaries of the mid-western states held a one-day session in that city.

Both President M. L. Brittain of Georgia Tech and President Homer Rainey of the University of Texas are Baptists. When the football teams of these two institutions played in the Cotton Bowl game, President Brittain opened the contest with prayer.

Baylor University, Waco, Texas, under the leadership of Dr. A. J. Armstrong, head of the English department, has the largest collection of Browningiana in the world. The annual ceremony of placing a wreath on the tomb of poet Robert Browning in Westminster Abbey, originated by the Browning Settlement in East London, has been officially delegated to Baylor University. This year Mrs. Herbert Stead of London officiated at this occasion.

An undisclosed donor has given $100,000 to Hillsdale College, Michigan, for a new library building after the war.

Dr. Hight C. Moore, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, since 1917, will retire June first, 1943.

Dr. Frank E. Eden, director of Evangelism for the Pacific coast, recently assisted Pastor C. Arlin Heyden and the First church, Phoenix, Arizona, in a two weeks meetings. Dr. Eden has been "loaned" to the National Preaching Mission for special work in army camps of the Pacific coast.

Dr. W. F. Ripley, director of Christian education for Colorado, is laid up for repairs for some weeks, following an operation. He is improving satisfactorily.

It is reported from Stockholm that the Danish Missionary Society and the Danish Arabic Missionary Society, have merged with the "hope that the unity movement among Christian mission groups might continue."

The Indiana Council of Churches for united Protestant action was formed at the meeting of the state Pastors' Conference held in the First Baptist church of Indianapolis.

D.D'.S FOR MINISTERS--William A. Elliott

DO MAKE YOURSELF INDISPENSABLE.

There are many suggestions as to how to perpetuate one's pastorate. Some of them are superficial, some artificial. What will serve to perpetuate one man in a pastorate, will not work with another. I venture to add one more suggestion and I think it will work with nine men out of ten. The suggestion is this: If you would perpetuate yourself in a pastorate, make yourself indispensable to the church and to your community. Even the government is recognizing "indispensables". Men who are indispensable in industry are not being drafted for war.

Men who are not indispensable are being shifted here and there and everywhere, and their tenure of office is brief.

It is not otherwise in the ministry. There are men who strike the roots of their ministries deep in the soil of the community and in the life of the church, and the years come and go, leaders come and go, but they go on undisturbed.

Let any minister do this, and he need not worry about whether he will stay one year or ten, or a lifetime. There are men who are as much fixtures in the church and community life, as is the public library, or the fire-bell. I visited a farm not long ago and saw a tree standing which had been there 100 years. I marvelled at its ability to defy the storms of a century. But I saw great roots running from the trunk in every direction and buried deep in the soil about it. I understood then. It is possible for a minister to so root himself in the life of the people, that there is no disposition in the mind of any to ask him to move on to greener fields. He has become part of the community life.

A minister ought to know that he is not only a pastor of a church, but he is a citizen of a town, a servant of the community. To stand aloof and to be "agin" everything in the community not of his church is not an attitude., nor a spirit that will perpetuate for long a minister's pastorate.

DON'T RUN EVERY TIME A DISGRUNTLED DEACON TELLS YOU TO GO.

It is not advisable, only in extreme cases, for a minister to lock horns with any member of his church. But there are other ways of standing one's ground. I saw a very small dog not long ago nipping at the heels of a very big dog. The big fellow did not even look around, but just kept going, serene in his conscious strength.

I have known some ministers to just keep going, with unruffled tempers, when someone in the church or congregation tried to up-set the apple-cart.

Only once did I hear Dr. F. B. Meyers of London, now deceased, but I remember one thing he said. In speaking to the ministers, he said: "Don't run every time the devil tells you to go." Continuing he said: "If God calls you to a church, stay until God indicates to you that it is time to go." It is good advice. Many a minister has vacated the church to which God called him, because some disgruntled member has aired his or her grievances, and demanded that the minister resign.

We have some ministers of the gospel who are traveling today on high mission, but we have all too many traveling because some brother in the church insisted upon the minister packing his grip.

A good "forgetery" is sometimes most useful. And in such a time a minister will do well to forget "the unkindest cut" and just go on in his high mission. Sometimes a disturbing brother will be overcome with a sense of shame, or will himself "pack up his old kit bag" and hike to another community, or church. Anyway, my brother ministers, don't run every time some disgruntled brother thinks "moving day" has come to the parsonage. Stick around awhile and the tempest will pass, as all tempests have a way of doing.

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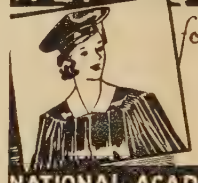
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He Got Twelve Months

Regulation Axis strictures against listening to foreign broadcasts under pain of imprisonment have been lampooned—discreetly—by the Hungarian newspaper, Nepszava.

The newspaper, which had been an outspoken representative of industrial workers before Hungarian Nazis dragged the nation into the Axis camp, threw its verbal harpoon in the shape of a story about "a very thin and weak old man" who fled in panic from every restaurant in which he discovered a radio.

Finally, the paper said, he came to an inn where there was no radio and ordered fish.

"The waitress looked at him in astonishment and asked whether he had a fish card," Nepszava continued.

"When the old man explained that he didn't have such a card and didn't even know one was necessary, the waitress told him the card system had been explained on the radio. The old man said he never listened to the radio because he had just come out of prison where he had been held 12 months. " 'I was always a good boy at school and was taught that when there's a controversy, both parties must always be heard', he said. So I switched on my radio wanting to hear what the other party had to say—and then I got 12 months in prison.' "

Book Month . . . . By Alfred L. Murray

UNITED STATES BAPTIST BOOK CLUB

Selection No. 1

PLANNING A YEAR'S PULPIT WORK. By Andrew W. Blackwood. Abingdon-Cokesbury. 240 pp. $2.00.

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Selection No. 2

WERE YOU THERE? By Paul Z. Strodach. Muhlenberg. 291 pp. $1.50.

An ideal book for the Lenten season for private devotions or pulpit meditations. In fifty chapters individuals who were with Jesus during the days of his Passion are made to live again. They appear, however, clothed not in antiquity but very much as modern characters. In their conduct, attitude, and behavior the reader sees and feels his own attitude and response to the Christ who lives this Lenten season. It is a heart-searching, thought-provoking, and spirit-moving volume. It cannot be laid aside, by the careful reader, until he has resolved to know Christ better and serve him more faithfully.

BOOKS FOR LENT

Our Eternal Contemporary. By Walter M. Horton. Harpers. 180 pp. $2.00.

While this book, like the Subject with which it deals, does not belong to any stated period, it is excellent for this season of the year. It is a scholarly yet simple sermon exalting Jesus Christ as our eternal contemporary. It pleads for a return to the Christ of the New Testament and the creeds. He shows how the integrity and the significance of the scriptures have been unmarred by the strivings of man, and how God's word continues to minister to man's needs. Even so Christ, unchanged meets the needs of all generations. This is a superb book.

God the Eternal Paradox. Edited by Paul Z. Strodach. 243 pp. $2.00.

Eighteen messages on the proper Gospels of the Lenten season, written by such able Lutheran preachers as, Paul Scherer, Walter Krumwiede, Charles A. Linn, etc., some superior, others inferior to the average published sermon.

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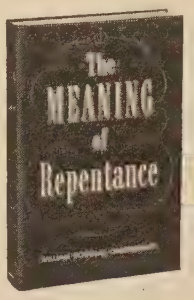

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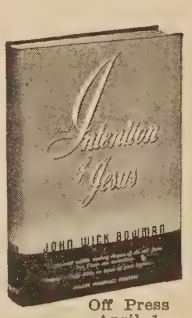

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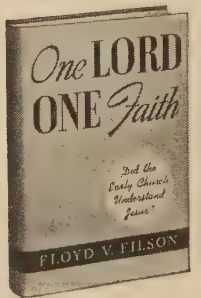

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World Emergency Fund of $600,000 Raised Two Months Ahead of Schedule

New York, N. Y.—World Relief is apparently a popular cause with the Northern Baptist denomination, for officials of the national organization reported yesterday that the whole amount of its $600,000 World Emergency Fund had been raised. April 30 had been set as the deadline.

The cash receipts are now $15,000 over the goal.

Plans for another World Emergency Fund have already been formulated for the next fiscal year beginning May 1. The amount to be raised will be $700,000, and will be divided in the following manner: Christian ministry for service men—$200,000; World relief—$160,000; aid to elderly ministers and missionaries—$40,000; foreign emergency needs—$100,000; schools and colleges—$100,000; ministry to Japanese evacuees—$20,000; unforeseen emergencies—$80,000.

Asks for $100,000 More

Due to extra world relief needs and work in connection with army camps and defense areas, the officials of the World Emergency Fund of the Northern Baptist Convention are asking for an extra $100,000.

The actual goal of the Fund, $600,000 was reached last week. April 30 was the deadline set for the original amount.

Another war emergency campaign for at least $600,000 has been proposed for the next fiscal year beginning May 1. The two largest items in this will be for world relief and Christian ministry to service men. In addition to this Northern Baptists will have a $3,000,000 budget for world missions and a post-war fund of nearly a million dollars.

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Three Tests of Conduct

Is the thing we are doing in accord with the will of God?

Is the thing we are doing the *very best* we can do to advance his kingdom?

Is the thing we are doing pointing the way for lost men and women to see Jesus?

—Andrew Potter

There isn't one great man in American history who was born in a home of infidelity.

—D. Wilbur M. Smith.

Christ outlasted the empire which crucified him 19 centuries ago. He will outlast the dictators who defy him now.

—R. W. Sockman.

Dr. Elmer A. Fridell Is New Foreign Secretary

At its meeting in New York, February fifteenth, the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society elected the Rev. Dr. Elmer A. Fridell as one of its Foreign Secretaries. Dr. Fridell will fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Dr. J. W. Decker to become the American Secretary of the International Missionary Council.

Dr. Fridell is at present Professor of Homiletics and Practical Theology at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley, California. He is a native of Nebraska and the son of a Baptist minister. He is a graduate of Des Moines College, Class of 1917, and a B.D. graduate of Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Class of 1922. Berkeley conferred on him the honorary D.D. degree in 1929. From 1924 to 1929, Dr. Fridell served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fresno, California. Following this, for eight years he was the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Seattle. It was from this church that he went to Berkeley in 1937.

Dr. Fridell has held many honorary offices, both in Baptist and in interdenominational circles. Included among these are the presidency of the California Protestant State Council of Christian Workers, the vice-presidency of the Baptist World Alliance, and the presidency of the Northern Baptist Convention. In 1937 he was one of the American delegates to the World Conference on Life and Work at Oxford. Dr. Fridell thinks of the whole world as his parish, and has traveled extensively. In 1926 he spent three and a half months in England, France, Germany, and Palestine. In 1928 he spent three months in Japan, Manchuria, and China. In 1933 he made a trip around the world, visiting Japan, China, Burma, India, Egypt, Palestine, and Italy. He was in England again and in the Scandinavian countries in 1937.

It is hoped that Dr. Fridell will be able to assume his new duties in New York in May or June. As soon thereafter as a passport and passage can be secured, in order that he may have a full part in post-war planning, Dr. Fridell will, according to present plans, start on a visit to Northern Baptist mission fields in India and China. Dr. Fridell's special assignment for detailed administration includes the fields of Japan, China, and the Philippine Islands. It is expected that in the years ahead, a good portion of his time will be spent on these fields in the actual administration of his work.

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Where shall Baptists work and where not?

8. Devise a plan for the transfer of ministers from field to field and from state to state.
9. Seek plan for uniformity in ordination procedure.
10. Institute some sort of Permanent Planning Commission and then relieve the Finance Committee of the task of being a policy-determining committee. The Finance Committee should be one to determine the amount available for the denominational program and outline the sources from which it is available. The Permanent Planning Committee should be the committee to allocate the funds made available by the Finance Committee.

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THERE ARE 81 COMMUNITIES IN NORTH CAROLINA where the Bible is taught in public schools.

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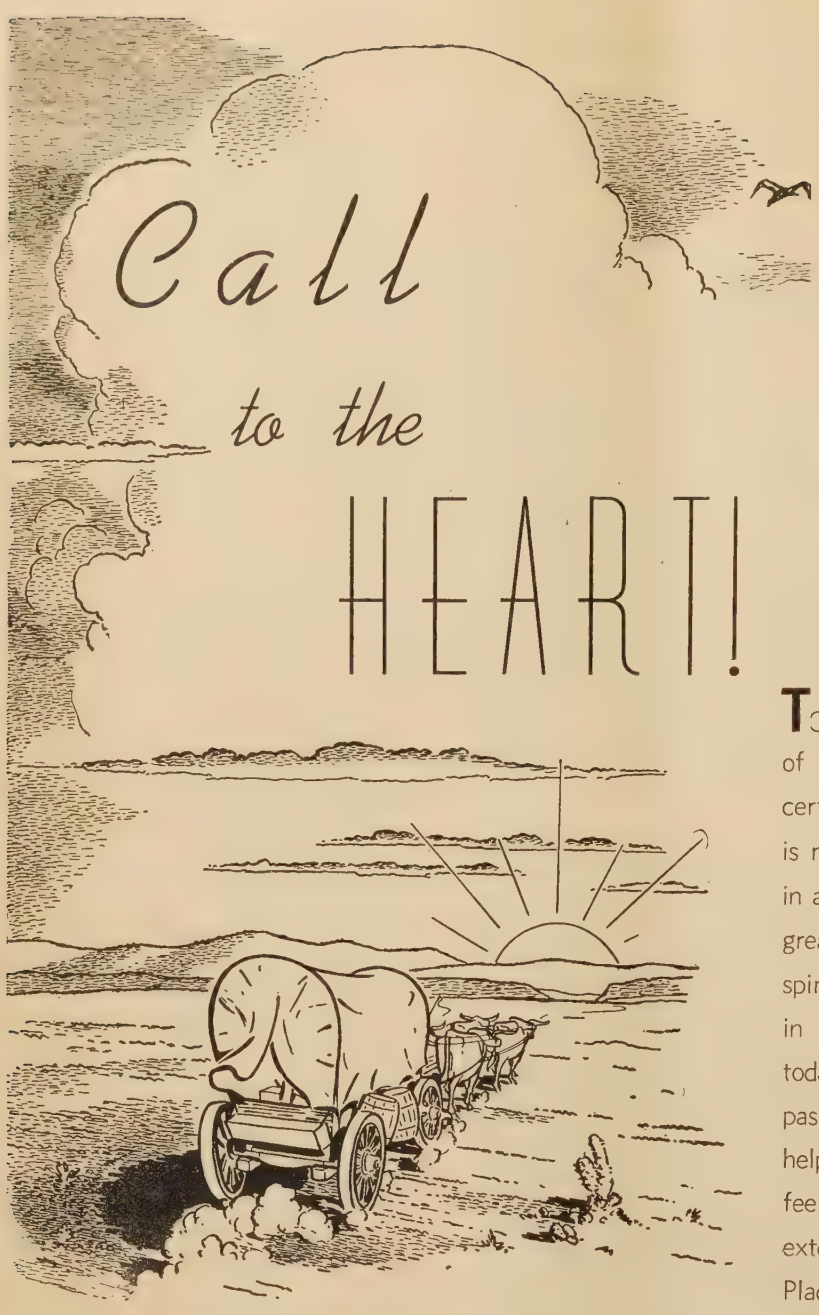
Our Money

It is not what we earn that makes us rich
As riches are really known.
But how honest we are as we lay our hand
On what we call our own.

It is not what we keep that gives us peace
In an age when peace is rare,
But how truthful we are as we lay aside
Our own and the Master's share.

—George Wiseman.



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Apr. 5—What is the Bible
Apr. 12—What Does the Bible Contain
Apr. 19—Who wrote the Bible
Apr. 26—Who Prints the Bible
May 3—Who Distributes the Bible
May 10—Who Reads the Bible
May 17—The Bible and the English Language
May 24—The Bible and the American Way of Life
May 31—Translating the Bible

June 7—Bibles on the Top Shelf
June 14—The Bible in the Church
June 21—The Bible in the Barracks
June 28—The Bible and the Blind

July 5—Great Men and the Bible
July 12—Little Children Love the Bible
July 19—Popularizing the Bible
July 26—Making the Bible Your Own

Aug. 2—How to Read the Bible
Aug. 9—How to Study the Bible
Aug. 16—The Bible and Business
Aug. 23—The Bible and the American Home
Aug. 30—The Bible and Tomorrow

Sept. 6—The Brotherhood of the Bible
Sept. 13—The Bible and the Public School
Sept. 20—The Bible and Evangelism
Sept. 27—"My Word Shall Not Pass Away"

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If I Have Faltered

If I have faltered more or less
In my great task of happiness;
If I have moved among my race
And shown no shining morning face;
If beams from happy eyes
Have moved me not; if morning skies,
Books, and my food, and summer rain
Knocked on my sullen heart in vain:
Lord, thy most pointed pleasure take
And stab my spirit broad awake.

—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

DEATHS

Among those "gathered unto their fathers" during the past few weeks were Dr. Albert W. Beaven, 60, president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School since 1929 and before that pastor of Lake Avenue church, Rochester, for 21 years, and outstanding leader among Northern Baptists . . . . Dr. N. J. Nordstrom, Stockholm, headmaster of the Swedish Baptist Seminary, leading figure in Swedish Free Church circles and one of the 7 vice-presidents of the Baptist World Alliance . . . . Rev. James A. Leonard, 75, Aledo, Illinois, an active minister since 1888 . . . . Rev. Bruce S. Wright, 63, pastor of the First Methodist church, Erie, Pennsylvania, and author of many books. . . .

And Rev. Vlodimir Ledochowski, Rome, head of the Society of Jesus, the order of Jesuits, founded in 1540 by St. Ignatius of Loyola . . . . Fletcher Dobyns, 70, Pasadena, California, author of "The Amazing Story of Repeal" . . . . Mrs. E. H. Silverthorn, New York, former director of the department of missionary education for the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. . . . . Dr. Arthur Carlisle, 61, bishop of Montreal in the Church of England in Canada and for 17 years rector of Christ Church Cathedral and dean of Montreal. . . .

Also Dr. Howard A. Kelly, 84, Baltimore, one of the founders of John Hopkins and a great Christian layman. Mrs. Kelly died six hours after her husband . . . . Rev. I. W. Bailey, Salina, Kansas, ordained in 1889, married more than 50 years ago. All six children and 5 of his in-laws graduated from Ottawa University . . . . Rev. William Dring, 80, who served as a missionary under the N.B.C. board for 30 years at Tura, Assam . . . . Dr. Louis B. Warren, prominent leader among Southern Baptists for many years . . . . Rev. R. D. Stafford, 60, Berea, Kentucky, A.B.F.M.S. missionary in China for 15 years. . . .

And Rev. Oliver S. Wiestner, 56, Philadelphia, who had served four churches in Philadelphia . . . . Rev. M. C. Humphrey, Los Angeles, California . . . . Mrs. Dorothy Goodwin, wife of Rev. Paul Goodwin, pastor of the First church, Monrovia, California . . . . Dr. Edward R. Clevenger, Lebanon, Oregon . . . . Rev. Edgar J. Helms, 78, pastor of the Morgan Memorial Methodist church, Boston and executive secretary of the Goodwill Industries of the U. S. . . . . Dr. John Brown Watson, 72, president of A.M. & N. College for Negroes at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, since 1928, and a member of the Nobel prize advisory committee. . . .

Also Dr. J. B. Cranfill, Dallas, Texas, noted minister, physician, Christian worker, religious journalist, publicist and radio speaker in Texas for more than half a century . . . . J. A. Walker, Brownwood, Texas, who left several hundred thousand dollars to Howard Payne College . . . . J. L. Walker, 92, Waco, Texas, author and chaplain of Hillcrest, Memorial Hospital, Waco . . . . Albert G. Lohmann, 81, Cleveland, Ohio, superintendent of Cleveland Boys' Home . . . . Dr. Herbert C. Hinds, 85, moderator of the Presbyterian presbytery, Cleveland, Ohio . . . . Rev. D. Ellis Evans, 87, Cleveland, Ohio, pastor of Congregational churches for many years . . . . Dr. Frederick Lent, 71, Los Angeles, California, formerly president of Elmira College, New York and International Baptist Seminary, East Orange, New Jersey . . . . Mrs. Anna Beeman, St. Paul, Minnesota, widow of Dr. H. G. Beeman, formerly pastor of the First church, St. Paul. . . .

And Dr. R. V. Bingham, Toronto, Canada, general director of the Sudan Interior Mission . . . Rev. P. C. Nelson, 74, Fort Worth, Texas, president of Southwestern Bible School, Enid, Oklahoma, and pastor of Danish churches for many years . . . . Rev. Carl W. Sederstrom, pastor of the Swedish Baptist Temple, Waterbury, New York . . . . Rev. August Broholm, 82, Des Moines, Iowa, prominent among Swedish Baptists for many years . . . . Dr. W. Raleigh White, 61, pastor of the First church, Albany, Georgia, and outstanding leader among Georgia Baptists. . . .

Also Zvi Hirsch Masliansky, 86, Brooklyn, Zionist leader, teacher and lecturer; born in Russia . . . . Rev. William J. Quilliam, 83, Terre Haute, Indiana, for 35 years a missionary and pastor . . . . Dr. Lars W. Boe, 67, for 24 years president of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota . . . . Dean Horace M. Ramsey, dean of St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, Portland, Oregon . . . . Rev. Albert E. Stuernagel, Riverside, California. . . .

And Dr. George W. Carver, Tuskegee, Alabama, nearly 100 years old, born in slavery, who became the most noted Negro scentist in the world and a great benefactor of humanity . . . . Mrs. Carrie H. Bushell, 85, for 45 years a missionary among the Karens at Moulmein, Burma and in Rangoon.

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Some have only enough religion to make them miserable *M. A. Eady.*

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City-wide Christian Leadership Seminar

The spring city-wide leadership training effort to be sponsored by the Department of Christian Education this year is in the form of a Christian Leadership Seminar, offering courses in the First Series level from the American Baptist Publication Society and the International Council of Religious Education.

Meetings of the training school will be nightly from April 5th to the 9th in the Calvary Baptist Church. At this writing the faculty is incomplete. We have been most fortunate in the faculty members from outside Washington who are to be our guest teachers for this school. Heading the group is Dr. John C. Slemp of the editorial staff of the Publication Society, who is to teach his new book, "Christian Teachings for Personal Living." This will be offered during the first period each evening and his class will consist of everyone enrolled in the school. Following an inspirational intermission period, those attending will select one of four or five courses to be offered on the basis of their individual interests.

Two of these group interest classes will be taught by Mrs. Elizabeth M. Finn, Director of Vacation Church School and Week Day Religious Education of the Publication Society, and Miss Florence Stansbury, Missionary Education Secretary from the Northern Baptist Convention Board of Education in New York. We are indeed fortunate to have these two well qualified helpers to be with us. Mrs. Finn will teach the book, "You Can Teach," a book which will be helpful to those who have been enlisted recently as teachers in our Sunday Schools as well as others. Miss Stansbury's book will be "Missionary Education in Your Church" by Harner and Baker, and is a book which covers the total missionary education picture from the standpoint of the church, the Sunday School, the missionary unions, the young people, and all. The book should have a wide appeal.

By the time this article is printed, the faculty will have been completed and items of publicity distributed in our various Sunday Schools and churches.

Plan now to see that your church is adequately represented. There will be no registration fee.

Leadership Training In The Washington Baptist Churches

Devotional Period Observed Weekly

For several weeks now a devotional period has been held in our Baptist Headquarters Building from 9:45 to 10:15 each Friday morning. Bible reading and prayer constitute the program, which is participated in by members of the staff in all the offices in the building; including our District Convention offices, the Baptist World Alliance office, and the United States Baptist office. Visitors are always welcome. If you should have occasion to visit the Headquarters Building during this half hour, please come to the hall on the first floor for this spiritual fellowship. Should you telephone the building during this half hour and receive no answer, you will know that the meeting is still in progress.

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Annual City-Wide Contests

As announced in a previous issue of this Bulletin, the Department of Christian Education of our Convention is seeking to enlist our local Intermediate and Young People's societies to participate in the annual Sword Drill and Better Speakers Contest of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Contest rules giving helpful information on the two contests are available at Headquarters.

Within a few weeks each of our local unions should have their elimination contests, looking toward a city-wide finals not later than June, when the representative from Washington to participate in the Southwide Finals at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, in July will be selected.

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Value of the Bible

Any individual or any institution that could take the Bible to every home in this country, would do more for the country than all the armies from the beginning of our history to the present time.

—*Chief Justice Brewer.*

A part of the work of the newly established Department of Christian Education in our Convention has been to establish a card file on which may be recorded the leadership training record of every member of our Baptist churches who has taken a study course since 1937. This information has been secured from the leadership training offices of the Sunday School Board and the American Baptist Publication Society, and will now be kept up-to-date as all requests for training awards will go through our local Christian Education office in the future. At both of our headquarters' offices the records are kept by city and state rather than alphabetically by individuals, thus our record includes only the awards which have been made to people while their residence was in Washington. Newcomers to Washington should let us have their name and former residence in order that we might secure their complete record.

It was interesting to note from our file that 941 individuals have received at least one award for a leadership training book within the last six years. Of this number, 29 have received one or more awards in the First Series Courses of the Northern Convention and 93 have received one or more awards in the Second Series Courses of that Convention, or a total of 122 people. No record was kept at headquarters of the church membership of these individuals so that we are unable to give the figures as to the number of churches represented in this total.

In the "Training Course for Sunday School Workers" of the Southern Convention 819 people have one or more awards. Of that number, 104 have received their diplomas indicating that they have completed the required four books for this recognition. Most of these holding the diplomas also have additional books indicating their receipt of the red, blue, or gold seals.

This record has been kept by churches and indicates that Metropolitan leads the list with 76 diploma-holders and 16 additional individuals holding one or more credits, or a total representing 92 people. In second place is Fifth Church with 2 diploma-holders and 77 other individuals

holding one or more awards, or a total of 79 people. National Baptist Memorial is third with 74 people having one or more awards. The following table lists our churches and gives the total number of people in each church having one or more awards:

Anacostia	15
Bethany	14
Bethesda	2
Brookland	63
Brookmont	4
Calvary	15
Centennial	34
Chevy Chase	2
Congress Heights	4
East Washington Heights	35
Fifth	79
First	35
Fountain Memorial	37
Grace	16
Kendall	8
Luther Rice Memorial	20
Maryland Avenue	1
Metropolitan	92
National Baptist Memorial	74
North Washington Highlands	1
Petworth	60
Redeemer	1
Riverdale	1
Second	51
Silver Spring	22
Takoma Park	10
Temple	19
West Washington	6
Wilson Avenue	10
Wisconsin Avenue	23
Church Unknown	65
	819

Included in the above totals are the persons holding diplomas. In number they are as follows:

Brookland	5
East Washington Heights	1
Fifth	2
First	1
Metropolitan	76
National Memorial	1
Temple	1
Church Unknown	17
	104

Again we must say that this is not an accurate picture, as we know there are many in the churches who have taken training in cities outside Washington whose records are not included in the above figures.

This is a good record but is only indicative of what can be done if the Sunday School leaders in our local churches become committed to the value of leadership training courses. No Sunday School should be content to go through a year without having had at least one study course during that year. In many instances, the school could have two or three very easily. The school should then count it a privilege to cooperate in the city-wide training schools, but these larger efforts cannot take the place of the local church training course. By use of the individual correspondence course of study, popular now because of transportation and heating difficulties, every Sunday School can go on in this matter of training. It is also possible to combine a study course with a Sunday night activity or a prayer meeting activity, meeting once a week. Several variations are possible, and the Secretary of Christian Education will be glad to confer with any local church Sunday School leaders in assisting them to plan adequately for the training of their staff, using books from the training courses of either of our two great national Baptist conventions.

The Home-Extension Department As a Ministering Agency

By GAYE L. McGLOTHLEN

No Sunday School today can feel that it is adequately doing its work unless it has a well organized and well functioning home or extension department, which will seek to minister to those who cannot come to the church building for Bible study.

The National Baptist Memorial Church in recognition of the value of such a department has set up one that might well be a model for all our Baptist churches. The superintendent, Mrs. O. R. Balderson, and a fine corps of assistants carry on their work with a warmth and enthusiasm that is catching to all who know of this activity.

It will be interesting to look at the organization and work of this particular department in this church. In addition to the superintendent, there are two able associate superintendents, a secretary, and seventeen visitors. These seek to reach the following three groups of people for Bible study:

1. "Shut-Ins"—Those who are hindered from attending Sunday School because of physical handicaps or illness.

2. "Shut-Outs"—Those who because of employment or circumstances beyond their control cannot attend.

3. "Stay-Outs"—Those who for various other reasons are missing the joy of studying Christian fellowship, service, and worship by not regularly attending Sunday School.

Each visitor, who occupies the same relationship to her group of people as does a Sunday School teacher to her class, visits her members in a systematic manner, seeking to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Encouraging personal Bible study and prayer.

2. Providing lesson and devotional periodicals.

3. Training individuals to become good stewards of self, service, and substance.

4. Establishing loyalty to the department and church by regular visits and prompt collection of the individual's checked records.

These workers have seen their department in the National Baptist Memorial Church grow until there are today 165 members enrolled. 110 of this number have qualified to be on their departmental honor roll, which means that they study all the Sunday School lessons and contribute regularly through their extension department offering envelopes!

This department sponsored a Christmas project last December, when the officers and visitors bought, arranged, and delivered 26 baskets filled with delicious honey, homemade jellies and jams, choice fruits, nuts, and candies. Nine poinsettia plants were also sent to convey love and Christmas cheer to the ill members.

A most unique item in the program of this department in this church is the annual home-extension department banquet. For this occasion an effort is made to get each member of each class to the church building. Each visitor then has the members of her class sitting around one table, which is the only time during the year that all members of the class have any personal contact with the other members. This seating develops loyalty among the members and a friendly rivalry between the classes. The program usually consists of a humorous sketch, fellowship singing, and a timely message by an outstanding Christian speaker from Washington. The menu is usually turkey with all the trimmings and is arranged and paid for by the officers and visitors, each member receiving a complimentary ticket. The memory of this annual event lingers long with the members and helps to refresh and stimulate the work of this department.

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The Prayer of Nelson Before Trafalgar

"May the Great God whom I serve, grant to my country a great and glorious victory, and may no misconduct in anyone tarnish it. May humanity after victory, be predominant in the British fleet. To God I entrust the just cause it is given to me to defend."

Victory Through Youth

LUTHER J. HOLCOMB

Youth is America's most prized possession. Therefore, it must be America's primary concern, now more than ever before, if our country hopes to keep its place as the leading Christian nation of the world.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S REVIVAL is not a youth movement. It is a means of acquainting youth with some of the supreme joys of the Christian life. The plan is similar to a regular church revival. The only difference is that we urge and expect young people to assume the responsibility for the meeting. Jesus chose young men as disciples. Jesus challenged the very best in young people. The churches of the New Testament gave special attention to young people.

The name "Young People's Revival" helps to place extra responsibility on this group without lessening the obligation of adults. A meeting of this type should help correct the age-old conflict between age and youth. It is difficult for youth to realize that they will ever be old. Adults have a tremendous tendency to forget their youth. We have gone through an era of youth movements. Many prejudices have been formed. This is no time to swing to the other extreme. The present hour calls for cooperation and the best from all ages. We must work together. In a Young People's Revival all ages should be enlisted. The adults are urged to attend in order to encourage the young people and to link the entire family in the church.

Frequently, I like to impress the brevity of time by announcing the meeting as *"Eight Great Days* sponsored by youth," also avoiding the use of the word "revival," because in many places it has been over-used and has no appeal to youth.

About a dozen Baptist Churches in Washington are making plans for a special emphasis of this type the week preceding Easter. If you have not made plans for this special emphasis in your church, then perhaps you would like to begin now to plan for it. With the large number of young people in Washington at the present time, it seems that we have a tremendous opportunity.

1942 Report on Training Class Awards

Statistics for the year 1942 have just reached us from the Sunday School Board, giving the number of awards by churches in "The Training Course for Sunday School Workers" as promoted by that Board. The record shows that 21 of our churches had one or more workers to receive an award during the year. There were 308 awards issued for Washington, 185 of these being the result of our city-wide training school last October. For the yearly total in the Southern Baptist Convention, there were 184,310 awards issued to 6,370 churches.

Following is a list of the churches and number of credits granted to members in each during 1942:

Bethany	1
Bethesda	4
Brookland	15
Brookmont	3
Calvary	17
Centennial	2
Chevy Chase	1
East Washington Heights	34
Riverdale	2
Fifth	82
First	5
Fountain Memorial	10
Grace	3
Luther Rice Memorial	13
Metropolitan	13
National Baptist Memorial	36
Petworth	24
Second	12
Silver Spring	8
Temple	6
Wisconsin Avenue	15
No Church	2
Total	308

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Only Three Gallons of Gas!

Only three gallons of gas! What a pity, but in England civilians are allowed no gas. Yet, one correspondent states that the churches which are left in England are filled not only on Sunday but during the days of the week.

Only three gallons of gas! But in France and in other countries dominated by the Nazis, it is punishable by death to have a spoonful. Yet, the "underground reports" state that people by the thousands worship secretly every week.

Only three gallons of gas! "I can't attend church now!" What a shame. That statement isn't true Americanism, to say nothing of being true Christianity. War may take our gas and our tires, but if we have a desire to worship God, we will find a way to reach His house.

Only three gallons of gas! But I will glady use it to take my family and as many neighbors as I can accommodate in my car to the worship services of the church.

Adapted from "The Bulletin" of the Lake Avenue Baptist Church, Rochester, New York.

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WHOSE FAULT WILL IT BE?

Every preacher knows that the thirty-third chapter of Ezekiel offers excellent material for evangelistic appeal. He sees himself a watchman, sounding God's warning to the unsaved and insists the man who heeds not the warning has no one to blame but himself.

From the headquarters of our Board in Dallas, we sound the trumpet urging our preacher brethren to enter the Ministers Retirement Plan. No one is in better position than we to know the acute needs of many aged and infirmed preachers who lived their days of service before this Plan was inaugurated. All we can do for them is to extend relief as we are doing for more than twelve hundred beneficiaries. But the benefit checks are entirely too small and inadequate, yet so genuinely appreciated.

For the "Rising" generation of preachers our denomination offers a better way, a plan that brings peace of mind in the present, with the promise of security for the future to all who will heed the sound of the trumpet. Already, more than ten thousand churches are cooperating and more than seven thousand preachers are participating members. Surely these cannot all be wrong! If you come to the age of infirmity or disability without adequate provision made against that day, whose fault will it be?

Your denomination has provided a way. Walk ye in it. Remember, tomorrow will not provide security; only intelligent action today can do that. You, who preach the "good news" to others, saying, "Today, today," remember that today is your opportunity as well.

My preacher brother, I urge you to read again Ezekiel 33:5, then write at once for further information to your State Secretary.—Walter R. Alexander, Associate Secretary, Relief and Annuity Board, S. B. C.

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Evening Prayer for Wartime

Now the daylight fades away,
For our Commonwealth we pray.
Guard our sailors out at sea,
From all danger keep them free.
Bless our airmen in the sky,
Safe as angels may they fly.
Firemen, wardens, and police,
Grant Thy strength and inward peace
Shield our soldiers as they stand
Guarding Freedom's native land.
These, and all who work or sleep,
Mighty God, in safety keep.

—*Thomas Tiplady.*

Department Of Christian Education Notes

B.T.U. Study Course Emphasis In March

Those who follow the B. T. U. plan for their Sunday evening society-type meetings are familiar with the emphasis placed by the B. T. U. Department on study course work during the month of March each year. Some of our churches are planning study courses, and it is to be hoped that all who use the B. T. U. plan will arrange for at least one study course during March if it is at all possible, or at a time as near there as convenient to the local church program.

In connection with this emphasis on study courses, a communication from J. E. Lambdin of the B. T. U. Department approves a "streamlined" plan which may now be used for these courses.

By this plan it is possible to have a one night training school, beginning about 6:30 and running until about 10:30. This amount of time is the time requirement of the course. For the examination, the teacher would use the "home study examination" type by which he would prepare twenty questions on the book, placing them in a sealed envelope for each member of the class. The pupil would then carry the questions home and answer them and return them later to the teacher who would make the usual report in requesting the awards.

It is to be noted that this is a temporary arrangement due to travel and heating difficulties in our churches, and is to last only for the duration, when the regular requirements will again obtain. It is also to be noted that this does not apply to the study courses in the Sunday School Series.

THE INTERESTING ANNUAL report on Vacation Church Schools held in the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention has just been received covering the season for 1942. Washington, D. C. is grouped in Class III. This class consists of those states which have 100 or less Baptist churches in them. There are fourteen such states, Washington, D. C. being seventh in this list, having held 24 schools. We are surpassed by the states of Oregon, Arizona, Idaho, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Vermont, the number in these six states ranging from 71 to 25 schools held. We exceed the states of Missouri, Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Delaware, the number here ranging from 22 to 3 schools held. The 24 Washington schools surpass any previous year's record made in our Convention. The work of our associational Vacation Church School Superintendent, A. Stanley Ridgway, has done much to help us achieve this record.

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A NEW PRINTING of the tract, "The Children's Story Hour," by Thelma Arnote has just been made. Copies of this are available at Headquarters for those who are interested in establishing this unit in their Sunday evening training program. Organization set-up and procedures are discussed, and the pamphlet makes an adequate substitute for a story hour manual, which is yet to appear.

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NEWS FROM THE Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board contains the following new books for the Training Union Study Course.

New books in the Young People's Division are: "The Eternal King" by Martha Boone Leavell, and "Vital Problems in Christian Living" by J. M. Price; in the Adult Department, "Living Abundantly" by Frank E. Burkhalter.

The new book, "Alcohol, the Destroyer," by C. Aubrey Hearn may be studied in Course III for the Intermediates, or Course II for the Young People, or Course VI for the Adults. The Board has arranged to furnish a free copy of this book to all pastors who will teach or have taught this course to their people if they purchase as many as ten copies.

A new addition to the Study Course Series also is "The Church Library Manual," which is a Sunday School study course book. This book may be studied for credit in Course IV for the Young People and Course IV for the Adults in the B. T. U. Series.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF Intermediate Sunday School work of the Sunday School Board furnishes the following interesting statistics on Intermediate work in Washington, D. C. Three departments and twenty-one classes have registered with the Board since last October. The goal for 1943 is ten departments and seventy-five classes to be registered. The registration is free. Cards for the purpose may be secured at Baptist Headquarters. Those departments and classes registering receive free material from time to time on Intermediate Sunday School work.

Their study course records show that since 1937 one hundred and twenty individuals here have studied the book, "Intermediate Sunday School Work," and twenty have studied the book, "The Art of Teaching Intermediates."

Their report further indicates that twelve churches regularly receive thirty-nine copies of the quarterly magazine, "The Intermediate Counselor," and ninety-six Intermediate teachers' quarterlies are regularly ordered.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF Adult Sunday School work of the Sunday School Board is promoting what they call "An Inside Enlargement Campaign" for use in local Baptist churches. They will furnish specially prepared cards and forms for use by a local Sunday School in discovering members of its church who are not enrolled in Sunday School. These statistics will then be given individual study by our Secretary of Christian Education and by the department in Nashville, and recommendations made as to ways of enlisting these people. The suggestions will be offered merely as helpful ideas and may or may not be followed.

Since last October Petworth and Temple Baptist Churches here have participated in this campaign experimentally. The campaign is now made available to all our churches who desire to participate, and an opportunity for indicating this desire will be given at the next meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Association.

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B. T. U. Associational Tours

For several years the Training Union Department of the Southern Baptist Convention has held one day associational conferences in each of the 930 associations of the Southern Baptist Convention. These conferences take place in the spring of the year. Upon the request of the Secretary of Christian Education of our Convention, Washington, D. C. has been included in these tours for 1943.

This same request has been made for the one day associational Sunday School conferences of the Southern Convention and the area conferences on Christian Education of the Northern Convention. Both of these one day meetings are to be held next fall.

The B. T. U. conference for Washington will take place on Monday evening, April 26th. We are especially fortunate in securing Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin of Nashville, Tennessee, to be with us to lead this conference. It will be departmental in nature, and all our churches following the B. T. U. plans, and others who would be interested in studying them, are urged to reserve this date for this conference. Additional announcements will be made later.

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